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Good morning.... Now that
Undersecretary of Commerce for
international trade Lionel Olmer
has announced his intention to
resign June 14, sources close to
the CIA say Director William
Casey favors Mr. Olmer for the
number two CIA post held by
John McMahon. Rumors have
been circulating in intelligence
circles for the past few
months that Deputy Director
John McMahon will retire at the
end of June for personal reasons.
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CIA officials dismissed the rumors and said McMahon has no plans to retire. "It's been going on for months," one official said of the rumors. "And he's still here."

Mr. McMahon and Mr. Casey reportedly have clashed over CIA policy. According to Hoover Institution analyst Arnold Beichman, Mr. McMahon scuttled a Casey plan to bring 65 Soviet POWs from Afghanistan for a U.S. press conference and blocked three of Casey's top-level CIA appointments.

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